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Christmas Presents. What shall we give?" I hear them ask. As though selection were a task For one, no gift is good to me Unless the giver gives it free. A gift is liked by each and all. Whate'er its value, great or small, It seems a link, a token true, That some there are who think of you The Christmas gift means love or friend: It not, then let such giving end.

The Christmas-time, of all the year, Is lonely if no friend is nesr: To rise at morn and not to hear The "Merry Christmas" greet your ear; To find no gift, no call to dine, No token that a friend is thine-This, this is loneliness indeed. And pride has work to vail such need. E'en wealth itself is hard to bear If loving friend may never share, Some think that splendor, worlds to eat, The round of human joy complete; Then paupers may be rich indeed, Who feel they have no further need

What beet to give? All things above, Give faith and friendship-human love; But if, from out your bounteous store, You feel like giving something more, Then give such gifts as you can spare-Such gifts as friend with friend may share: Or else give what your friend may lack, Be it silken gown or sealskin sack, A cap, a gun, or pair of gloves, Some autumn leaves, or candy-doves, A set of china, sandal-fan, A carriage, harness, mated span While pictures, books, are always right, And "weeklies," "monthlies," give delight-Bring gladness every month and week; For better gifts no further seek.

Remember this, when gift is made. It is no wap, or change or trade; But something saved in friendship's bank With interest-love; and pay-day tlank.

DR. WILLOUGHBY'S PATIENT.

A CHRISTMAS STORY. Dr. Willoughby went about doing good. His powders and his presence both gave strength to the weak; his manner was tonic, and his werdis were as good as balm. He believed in diet, a cheerful heart and a trust in Providence; and with an occasional bitter drug, he successfully fought many of the saddest ills that flesh is heir to. He did his best in battling disease. He went into many homes where gladness was banished and serrow set all around, and saved life. It might be said that he had

cles-followed in the trail of fashion, tending her victims and repairing her better than make patchwork of it, for when fashion grapples a subject about the waist, tortures and deforms the

body, and leads a victim abroad on paper soles, then no physician is so happy in Willoughby had been making a call. prefessionally, on the Merangues, and, bowing himself out, crossed the street and went up the stoop of the house op-posite, where the Thunderclouds lived. There were but father and daughter in the Thundercloud family. The widower had made his money in tea, Burling slip, had Chinese help and the oddities of the East were all about his house; he was a cold, reserved man, and, like a coat of mail, dignity hampered him ; kept him from a kiss or a fondle of his only daughter. She was a swarthy burnette dark as midnight, and sometimes as terrible. Her eyes were rich with splendor and shone with a luridlike light that could be seen a great Her glossy and moist-looking long hair, was in a coil, like a black snake about the top of her head, and it took near a quarter hundred of hairpins to hold the snake from crawling off and hanging down her back. Is not health must leave you, Miss Thundercloud. is, really, nothing physically wrong on the next block—the large, red one. with Miss Thundercloud, although her "Thank you. Good-by, Doctor Wi and purpose she has none; she is un-loved and alone. To be beautiful and cited and spirited pulse. She sent for his steps, "A remarkable young wo-Willoughby, for his words would be as man," he said to himself, "and will Willoughby remained fifteen minutes with the unhappy girl, in the rear drawing-room, where the rich damask cur-tains shut out the bright autumn sun-sion up town, and he and Miss Thunder-

advertised on Miss Thundercloud's coppulse is at ninety-eight. But ambition not to be loved is the secret of an ex- by;" and Willoughby began retracing balm and his presence like a tonic. Dr. make some man an honest, faithful wife. light, and a heavy oppressive atmos- cloud planned anew at each interview phere possessed the room. He was for the comfort and good of the sight quick to detect the trouble of mind less old ladies at the Blind Home, and which gave rise to that unrest of body, for the sick and suffering in other parts and was altogether too honest to offer a of the city. He marveled at the earnestbitter drug as medicine for a neglected ness with which his supposed patient heart. So he told Miss Thundercloud entered upon her strange new life that that he recommended diet, exercise, in-led into the shadow and the sorrow of tercourse with friends, and the park, many an unhappy home. His admirawould not prescribe further just then, but would call in a day or two and note progress. And while he stood by the progress, And while he stood by the pressed it, drew him toward her as front door, preparing to depart. Miss front door, preparing to depart, Miss naught else in her life could have done.

Thundercloud, having followed him into He had never met so true a woman. the hall, he spoke of a blind woman's How cruelly he had misjudged her! home in an uptown street, where many one day he was summoned suddenly afflicted, sightless old ladies, found a to call upon Miss Thundercloud. In temporary rest while waiting, after life's truth this time it was professionally. He dreary winter, for their promotion to entered the second story front chamber, eternal springs. Some were very poor, and found the young lady in a delirium some were ill, and all were shut out of fever, pulse rampant and mind wanfrom the world. Willoughby threw dering. The day previous Miss Thunconsiderable pathos into his tones when he said: "Miss Thundercloud, don't usually closely populated part of the you think it must be very tiresome liv- city, and, on returning home was very ng so much in the dark? If those curtains in the drawing-room were parted, you would see to-day's sunlight and on her. Willoughby felt as if his own that blue sky up there. But they don't life were at stake. He prayed for skill know these as we do. Please try a visit and thanked heaven for his bitter drug. some morning to the 'Home,' take a It is by suffering that we sometimes find book, for they love to be read to, and they love singing, and of all things often make us mighty. Willoughby had those dear old ladies like to talk by the those dear old ladies like to talk by the hour to any one who will listen. Perhaps you will think well of my suggestion, and try to lift the monotony of prayed, too, continually for God to There was a very odd case that Wil- in a very natural sort of way, and com-

There was a very odd case that Willin a very natural sort of way, and comploying had on the west side of the town. An old gentleman, fond of his town. An old gentleman, fond of his town. But he stopped her short, and from that time she obeyed him like a tendency to this?" stammered the terror-stricken him, the youth, with great presence of him, the youth, with the youth, with great presence of him, the youth, with the youth, with the youth, with the youth and him you have the youth and h Bass' ale, had developed a tendency to from that time she obeyed him like a enlarging of the joints. He moved in a child. And so he led her back to the ponderous way that was awful. One way of life, but it was a tedious way, day, pushing his chair back from his and, at times, she faltered sadly. Like dining table, he did something dread-fully harassing to one of the cords, ten-away with Miss Thundercloud's energy, dons, muscles, or bones of his left knee; appetite and strength; also, had stolen and it was a case that called for the the becoming tints, which, a little while knife. Willoughby, being well up in ago, that much abused one, health, had strife. Willoughby, being well up in osteology, and knowing muscles and their eccentricities, had been summoned. The inflamed party was on the amend, and Doctor Willoughby was only as a destroyer, is, also, a beautifier.

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The control of the inflamed party was on the amend, and often much discouragement on her fair, round fellow; and there being no reconstruction. taking his way leisurely to this patient's | In a month Miss Thundercloud was house to finish off repairs. It was the down stairs in the rear drawing-room, morning following his call upon the the damask curtains parted, and the avenue and an up-town cross street, to beautiful. After one has been long ill,

face seemed; less swarthy and oppressive- of dazed, thinking what a waste she had looking than usual.

had recovered his composure.

any more, Dr. Willoughby," said Miss his sight. Thundercloud; "please do not ever It was my life, more than you thought you did, side street. He thought he would run probably, when you spoke to me about the 'Blind Home.' After you left, I things for the inmates to make merry went back into the parlor and sat sort over, for Christmas was coming. About of dazed, thinking what a waste I was two blocks from his destination, he

made me feel so grateful that some one big paper rosette on its broad bosom. had told me where my wrong was; and He had an idea that such an enormous im going to make some of them look was bound on the same errand as Wilhappier when I come; and those very loughby. She was far from home;

professionally to 'study' my case, will On the instant he decided on a course of you not, Dr. Willoughby?"

On the instant he decided on a course of action. When they were in the hall of

ing of it himself. I suppose blind peo-ple like tea, don't they? I know all old "Miss Thundercloud, I a

"You can't kill an old lady with pep-permint," put in Willoughby, with an odd little smile. curred to me that you must be going

"I am professionally bound, and am will call in a few days, as you request. "Thank you. Good-by, Doctor Willoughby. I will tell you all about the blind people when I see you again." stars on their errand ing richly rewarded.

weary, felt listless, and was unable to sleep that night. Then the fever came

teach him how to save this life. Then, one morning, Miss Thundercloud smiled

Merangues. He was considerably surprised at the corner of a fashionable face. She looked most interestingly he had it between his teeth, nor the one not omit to mention, since it has come friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must friendships, but for a universal manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest popular dish, however, which we must find the manifest po find himself face to face with Miss and is restored, it is like commencing tried to hang his cigar on a peg; no!

Thundercloud. The young lady was attred in an agreeable shade and shape of walking suit, and her copper-colored loud sat, as once before she had, sort door.

who threw his nat out of the window and tried to hang his cigar on a peg; no! ever, and has engaged the attention of but the man who put his umbrella to bed and went and stood behind the lower animals, a practice to which but the man who put his umbrella to bed and went and stood behind the lower animals, a practice to which but the man who put his is the universally beloved cloud sat, as once before she had, sort door.

been while the fever was on her; of how

"I am going this way, too, Doctor," much she might have been doing in the Miss Thundercloud said, in answer to a four long, weary weeks. But Dr. Wilsweep of Willoughby's right arm down loughby came then and put a stop to all the side street. He had been too much this. Miss Thundercloud was of a resosurprised to say more than "good lute nature, and in another week she are feeling a good deal better, aren't on her old round, and as the holidays you?" he said, after awhile, in a matter grew near she had taken up the good of course sort of way. They were walking together quite at ease; Willoughby when the fever overtook her. But her nurse watched, and while she was never

It was the day before Christmaagain ask me about myself. I am not Along the streets there was a wide the same young woman upon whom you spread feeling of festivity. Quite late called yesterday afternoon. I was going in the afternoon Willoughby ordered to surprise you by such a change when the bays to the stable, and started afoot you came again. You let a light into on a sort of dog-trot, down an uptown in the world, no one caring for me, no one thinking of me, eating, sleeping, and having everything but a purpose, and I cried for two hours, and didn't go down to dinner."

dove into a corner grocery, and commenced making purchases in a rather wild sort of way; citron, raisins, almonds, apples, lemons, oranges and pickles. He ordered several pounds of an assort-"Then I pained you when I only ed lot of crackers, a kind to be found meant to do good," said Willoughly, only at corner groceries. He bought coking anxiously into the girl's face.

"Indeed you did not pain me, Dr.
Willoughby, you did me a service. I have been for years. His last purchase two jars of unpleasant looking jam, from don't know how ever to repay it. It was a mammoth gobbler with a very

how to right it. You know I have no rosette would make a sensation among mother; and papa is always so busy, the inmates; he had forgotten that the and he doesn't like me to bring my trou-bles to him—he has his own, you know; Sightless eyes would pass it unnoticed. Collecting his purchases he made a bles to him—he has his own, you know; Collecting his purchases he made a But I mustn't talk about it all. This is dive out of a side door and nearly collidwhat I am going to do; I am going about now where people are poor and sick and blind, and care for them, and think for them and advise with them. I am going to make some of these very poor and very sick people love me. I

weary ones that have to lie abed all day heavily ladened; the night was closing in pain. I am going to have some of in on her, and she was hurrying along them look at the clock sometimes, and quite frantically. She was feeling, too, say with a smile, "It is almost time for how quite alone she was, and not unlike her." I haven't really commenced yet, crying. When they recognized each I know, and you mustn't laugh at me other; both grasped the situation with for talking so, Dr. Willoughby. But remarkable clearness; and his very when I think of all I mean to do I feel shadow calmed and rested her. Inso important. You will let me send for stead of only two blocks, Willough-you ouce in a while; as if I were sick, by wished there had been two miles you know, won't you, to 'advise' about ahead of him. It was Christmas eve, me, as you doctors say? I will need and he felt as if there could be no oth-

thoughts about you; I said to myself gave to the place a pale, unnatural look, months of the year, and those in which Druids and the Celtic nations attributed have ever so many funny little packages. unwelcome-looking chairs, and then Christmas made his annual visit amidst Christmas boughs.

acies do that can see, and they like it ask you for my Christmas. I am more thrown hospitably open to all, so that

Then Miss Thundercloud freed her-

A Delayed Feast, His coat was old and ru-ty, His hat was shocking bad: His boots were full of weary rents, His step was slow and sad.

carpet, he began: I didn't have a thing to eat all day yesterday, while everybody else had turkey, chicken and goose."
"Do you toil or spin—have you a home and a habitation?" queried the moderate diet. Whirtlecraft, in an

ner," observed Bijah, as he unlocked the cupboard. "Here is part of my He placed before the man a plate of cold furnip and a slice of breakfast

bacon well done, and told him to draw right up and satisfy his hunger. "Do you take me for a lank-sided hyena?" indignantly demanded the man as he waved the luxuries away. hard up for cash and my clothes are old, but when I come down to biled turnip and lean pork, I want to be considered

For answer the man reached out his

black paw and brought it down "slap" plate. What followed no human being will ever know. The next scene opened with the man licking the plate in the humblest manner, having previously bolted down both turnip and bacon.

such a dinner as that! Why, you'd effectually choking ferocity with wisgrowl about mince pie, unless both crusts were sweetened with white sugar carol, which runs thus: worth 'leven cents a pound! When I had you doubled up under the table there, I was a good mind to break your

"I am glad you didn't," sighed the fellow; and there being no reason for longer detaining him he was allowed to

ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

ts Customs and Revelries-Mistletoe, Yule

ns just as merry, just as jovial as ever. It makes no difference whether times morning," and to interrogate with his was allowed half-hour airings in the arm. He was glad there would be an opportunity to collect himself. "You was making a hasty visit here and there, the utmost. The Christmas gift may be savior. Likewise the mince pie should so that there are gifts, and that there is ry to be slighted, and in all the year comed by the young and the old as Christmas, and so at this time it is well

"Dance and sing and make good cheer The stores are brilliant with beautiful the very tiptoe of expectation as they with these words: await the beautiful presents which Santa Claus is to bring them.

One of the prettiest customs of this time is that of placing a green tree laden with gifts, and lighted with waxen candles, in the parlor, around which the family circle and friends are gathered. This charming German custom of illuminating the "mistletoe-bough," and loading it with presents, may be compared to the quaint old festival our ancestors kept when they lighted the great yule-log in the hall upon Christ-mas eve, and around which they gathered merrily to repeat the oft-told Christmas tales, to eat yule-cakes, and to drink deep from the jovial wassail bowl. The yule-log was always lighted with a brand which had been preserved from the previous year's burning-says that quaint old poet Herrick:

sunset let it burn ; Vhich quencht, then lay it up again till Christmas next return : rt must be kept wherewith to tend the

So that even an old fire-brand, safely tucked away in some pantry corner, was as typical of rejoicing.

believed to keep witches away, and to When Christ entered Jerusalem green believed to keep witches away, and to protect the whole household from evil! Would that modern times had some from that day to this Christians have

When Christmas happened upon frightened death from many back doors, and let new life with all its sweet possibilities in the front way. He certainly lifted the veil of sorrow from the faces of many, and joy shone like sunlight after the cloud.

you not, Dr. Willoughby?"

"I will call whenever you desire me to, Miss Thundercloud," answered the doctor. Then there was a pause, and then Willoughby continued: "I am so glad that I met you this morning. Do halt it was a very big hall lit by a with self-and let them standard them with self-and let them self-and let them standard them with self-and let them standard them with self-and let them standard them with self-and let them self-and let used to usher in a most prosperous year, and if one wished the janitoress reasonable time to disappear down the rear stairway, Dr. Willoughby continued: "I am so glad that I met you this morning. Do halt. It was a very big hall lit by a with self-and let use in the hall of the "large, red building," after giving to know all the secrets of the weather, he hald only to cut an onion in half, thus making twelve small cups, fill them with self-and let use the self-an action. When they were in the hall of Sunday it was belived to usher in a

sionately, again and again. She was able, for at that time barley malt was the bride of his heart. And here is an amusing account of a a kiss from the fairer sex. And here is an amusing account of a great part of the larger sex, said saucily, "Dr. Willoughby, here are three pounds of fresh peppermint drops; you know about such things, do you believe there will be enough to last those deep old ledies over Christmas 2. per-colored face? Are not her arteries filled, and is not the red tide that leaves read, or to lose your way; you are quite far from home. That is your building her heart free of effete matter? There is far from home. That is your building the leave red one."

Please be very particular not to overyour show about such that show about such things, to you believe there will be enough to last those dear old ladies over Christmas?" flour, twenty pounds of butter, four geese, two tarkeys, two rabbits, four hose dear old ladies over Christmas?" flour, twenty pounds of butter, four And then they took up the burden of their purchases, and ascended the stairs on their errand of love, both feeling richly rewarded.

Weeks, two tarkeys, two rabbies, four labels, four lab

"Wasn't that a dainty dish To set before the king?" In view of this enormous pie, how insignificant are the proportions of the dishes which grace our modern board? It is appalling to reflect what appetites peo-Our modern writers upon the topic of health would restrict us to a still more amusing old book, thus describes the

They served up salmon, venison and wild boars Teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons, and, in fine.

With mead and ale, and cider of our own; For porter punch, and negus were not known." The most honored dish at the Christits mouth. Even to this day the peas ants in England make loaves of bread in on the little mound of turnip, causing the shape of a boar's head, and keep it traced with some kinds of colored clays nor to stuff them with barn yard man on the little mound of turnip, causing upon the table throughout the Christ- and pigments that seem to defy the mas holidays.

By some writers the boar's head was considered emblematical of Judahism. commemorative of the bravery of a stu-"I'm a good mind to make you eat dent who was once fiercely attacked by

"Caput apri defero, Reddens laudes Domino, The boar's head in hande brynge I, With garlandes gay and rosmary,

I pray you all synge merrily, Qui estis in convivio!"

passed by, either with the pen or at the table, for besides being the most de-Once again Christmas looks in upon licious of all pies, the mince pie is eminently historical. Its compounds have a peculiar significance, since they are intended to represent the sweet myrrh and under my care where the trees reached a

less costly than it was last year, the character always be made oblong in shape, as it to be made the basis of calculation. Christmas tree less heavily laden, but formerly was, for this peculiar form is Coupled with neglect, the distance beintended to represent the manger which a Christmas tree, around which the lit-tle ones may skip with delight, every-There is an old legend which may "Please don't ask me about myself or which my more, Dr. Willoughby," said Miss of his sight. there is no holiday so universally wel- many months of good luck will you have during the year.

In all the merry-makings of Christmas in the olden time, the wassail was a compound of ale, nutmeg, sugar, toast and roasted apples. Every family had its The stores are brilliant with beautiful wassail-bowl, and some of these were oliday gifts, the markets are filled with very elegant, being of massive silver. tempting viands of all kinds, and the The term wassail is said to have origistreets are thronged with crowds of nated from the salutation of Rowens, a ager purchasers. Busy housewives are fair maiden who lived in the fifth cendeep in the mysteries of plum pud- tury, and who presented the British dings, mince pies, and other Christmas king, Vortigen, on Christmas morning, dainties, and the little folks are upon with a bowl of his favorite beverage Loved king, wass heil.

The wassail-bowl was carried from house to house on Christmas, its bearers singing carols as they went, and expecting to receive gifts whenever they

The Anglo Saxons, who drank such huge beakers of liquor in honor of Odin. or Thor, continued to drink the same quantities at their various festivals in honor of Christ, the Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. Wine, ale, mead, pigment—a liquor made of honey and the juice of mulleins-and cider were the favorite beverages.

In Spain it is customary for grateful patients to send the gift of a turkey to the family physician at Christmas, this royal fowl being considered there, as royal fowl being considered there, as well as in our own country, the fittest bird to grace the festive heard A well drained will admit of sod, not to bird to grace the festive board. A "Kindle the Christmas brand, and then till medical man in large practice might sunset let it burn; find himself suddenly confronted with an army of gobblers upon Christmas

morning.

From the very earliest times we may Christmas log next year; From the very earliest times we may And where 'tis safely left the fiend can do no trace the use of evergreens and flowers at great festivals and religious cerenies—they being universally regarded

help and some one to show me how to der gift so good for him, so satisfying, as delight. Once in a while you will call the gift of the little woman by his side. Such Christmas charm to save us from delight at the Eedeemer's coming. The sacred mistletoe bough which belongs peculiarly to Christians, appears to have been well known to the ancient Greeks and Romans, and to have been regarded by them with great reverence. The mistletoe is supposed to glad that I met you this morning. Do halt. It was a very big hall, lit by a with salt, and let them stand until the have been the sacred branch to which Dr. Willoughby was young, single and good looking, and took well with honority about the policy of the head, that you were a young lady that would not unlike the light in an undertaker's the salt was found to be wet were to be many valuable medicinal qualities to the window. There were two lonely-looking, dreary and stormy. There was a primistletoe, calling it allheal. In Wales never come to any good."

window. There were two lonely-looking, dreary and stormy. There was a primistletoe, calling it altheat. In Wales it was known as guidhel. The Druids that I ever will? Oh, Doctor Willoughdoors. It was an odd sort of thing to be had without expense. by, I do hope that I may be good for something, after all. I am on my way sure that it would do. He laid his bunto the 'Home' now. In this bundle I dles and the turkey on one of the For many a long century old Father the present one of gathering green

In one of the packages is some of papa's assisted Miss Thundercloud to unload the greatest hilarity and the wildest The mistletoe was cut by a golden very best tea; he is very particular her burden. She was looking sort of about it, and always sees to the draw-dazed and doubting. Then, standing as we do not dream of now, were kept and laid upon a white cloth. The nite near to her, he said:

'Miss Thundercloud, I am going to were loaded with viands and the doors were clad in white robes, and the sclemnity with which the mistletoe was impatient for it than was ever any child the poor neighbor was gladdened by thus gathered caused the people to rebut I forgot all about milk; and I have some segar, but I forgot all about milk; and I have some peppermint drops, nice fresh ones. You know about such things, Doctor Willoughby. Aren't peppermint drops in low, earnest tones, and then Willoughby. Aren't peppermint drops in low, earnest tones, and then Willoughby. There was unspeakable love in the ges- and what not, during the Christmas the neck, the witches can have no ture. She hesitated not an instant, but, time, and usual allowances for pro- power over him." The witches have, odd little smile.

"But, Dr. Willoughby, where are you going," and Miss Thundercloud came suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me that you must be suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me that you must be suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me that you must be suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me that you must be suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me that you must be suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me that you must be suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me that you must be suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt." It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt." It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt." It has just occurred to me the suddenly to a halt. "It has just on the suddenly to a halt." It has just on the suddenly to a halt. "It has just on the suddenly to a halt." It has just on the suddenly to a halt. "It has just on the suddenly to a halt." It has just on the suddenly to a halt. "It has just on the suddenly to a halt." It has just on the suddenly to a halt. "It has just on the suddenly to a halt." It has just on the suddenly to a halt. "It has just on the suddenly to a halt." It has just on the suddenly to a halt. "It has just on the suddenly to a halt." It has just on the suddenly to a halt. "It has just on the suddenly to a halt." It has just on the suddenly to a halt. "It has j doorway, and under it the young men, and often the old, claim the privilege of

In Sicily and Germany the mistletoe is set up in the parlor for the Christmas

Bushmen of South Africa Their speech is a series of clicks, in-

terspersed here and there by a harsh-sounding and utterly unintelligible guttural. In default of better food, the Bushmen will eat snakes and other reptiles, and they make a kind of bread of dried locusts, pounding them between stones, and kneading into cakes the though these diminutive savages present one of the lowest forms of humanity, the South American Botocudo being, perhaps, yet a degree pearer to the spiral solution use a little toilet scannel. self at home, and after he had left a pound of mud on the new oak and green as long ago as the year last, he began:

| Die must have had in those days. No haps, yet a degree nearer to the animal solution use a little toilet soap and it type, they are possessed of a good deal carpet, he began:

| Die must have had in those days. No haps, yet a degree nearer to the animal solution use a little toilet soap and it type, they are possessed of a good deal carpet, he began:

| Out mother ten your solution use a little toilet soap and it type, they are possessed of a good deal carpet, he began: his duty to issue an act forbidding his subjects to partake of more than two courses and two kinds of meat at table.

| All possessed of a good deal from the finest of carpets without changing the color. | To Clean Hair Brushes.—A desserteven the lion itself, keeping carefully to spoonful of hartshorn to a quart of cold regard as the most delicious of food. leeward, so that their scent shall be un-perceived, and, creeping upon their bel-lies to within a few yards of him, when clean. Then rinse well with cold water; good cheer which gladdened the valiant they will let fly one of their tiny poison-"I'm looking for a place in a bank, and I'm half starved," answered the knights around King Arthur's table at beasts is sealed. In hunting the ostrich, they contrive to get sufficiently near it By hundreds, and by dozens, and by scores;
Hogsheads of honey, kilderkins of mustard,
Muttons, and fatted deers, and bacon swine;
Herons, and bitterns, passeds, and saven swine; they advance by degrees, moving the paint without removing it, as soap is apt Herons, and bitterns, peacocks, swan and head or neck cleverly in imitation of one of them feeding. The Bushmen are very revengful little people, and think nothing of ham-stringing a whole herd Plum pudding, pancakes, apple-pies and custards.

And therewithal they drank good Gasoon wine, aginary grievance; and on account of their deadly, although insignificantlooking weapons, the Boers (Dutch mas fe st was the boar's head, which farmers) are much afraid of them, and was brought to the table with great shoot them down like dogs when they ceremony, after the guests were all assembled. Music, with trumpets, and as if it ought not to be so absolutely imand tean pore, I want to be considered as in the single of possible to civilize these strange crea-tures, who are clearly not devoid of in-tures, who are clearly not devoid of in-telligence, their cave dwellings being telligence, their cave dwellings being constantly found adorned with spirited drawings of the animals of the Veldt.

Christmas gifts, says an exchange, had their origin in the Roman Paganalia, which was instituted by Servius Tullius, that India-rubber cat!" growled Bijah, a wild boar while he was sauntering B. C. 550. On these festivals, celebrated through the neighboring forest reading Aristotle. When the beast rushed upon him, the youth, with great presence of him, the youth, with great presence of him, the youth, with great presence of him are the companies. man.

"The idea of you finding fault with mouth, crying out Graecum est! thus coin Aubrey speaks of a not in which Roman coins were found, and supposed to be one of these Paganalian vessels. The Christmas box naturally arose from this pagan New Year's box. There is an impressive propriety and tender beauty, however, in thus commemorat-ing the event which gave a Divine Re-Qui estis in convivio!"

deemer to a lost world—the greatest gift
that is conceivable to mankind. It is, being bearer of the boar's head, that in moreover, an equally appropriate cus-1170 King Henry II. of England himself carried the dish to the table of the only of composing and forgetting old The most absent-minded man was not young prince, his son, There is one quarrels, and renewing and confirming he had it between his teeth, nor the one not omit to mention, since it has come tation of generosity and charity from who threw his hat out of the window and down to modern times as delightful as the rich to the poor-in olden times this

This dainty dish is by no means to be FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Orchards, with very few exceptions comparatively, are generally planted too close. I have had apple orchards top diameter of forty feet and over. Generous but not excessive culture did this: and this is the culture which is tween the trees need not be so great. One of the absolute requirements in successful fruit growing is to give the tree the full advantage of air and sun-shine. An orchard should be a collecmince-pie during the Christmas-tide, so tion of trees where each tree is independent of its neighbor as though the field were given to it alone, except as the collection affords protection against cold winds. The branches not only should not reach each other and become interlocked, but the roots, which reach farther than the branches, should not. Planting at forty feet distant, there need be no waste of ground. For the first few years after the trees are set, the land may be occupied by other crops, keeping them at a proper distance from the trees, the cultivation (without the around them during the season, mulching well in the fall with manure which, in the spring worked in, will aid the early growth, pushing it then as much as it will bear, and lessened afterward occupied by the roots if the soil is rather shallow; if deep and rich, and well and deeply drained, the roots will have a downward tendency, and the land may be put in sod. This is desirable to have in an orchard, whether as pasture or meadow, or kept as a lawn, as it makes an orchard one of the pleasantest places on the farm. Where the soil is less deep, more manure must be used by fall application, and other fertilization during the season if required. secure the highest success, that is, the largest crops and the finest fruit, but a good yield surpassing the average. The This latter, however, is best promoted -and indeed may be considered a necessity—by a coat of manure, which may be raked over in the spring, the coarser material or rakings removed. When boughs were strewn before him, and

> proved generally, often far beyond equal duration. The change was made in a few years with most of the trees, fruit of improved quality and increased quantity loading at once the remaining limbs that had life, the yield after that augmenting rapidly and continuously. country, and with comparatively little expense. In most cases drainage would be necessary. This would be the chief and almost the only expense. The rest would be confined to surface manuring, breaking up the soil in some cases, and pruning. Some attention yearly would be required after the first great pruning. An old orchard is a half orchard to start with, and may be made a whole orchard soon in posession,-F. G. in

Country Gentleman.

To KEEP BROOMS,-Every house keeper may not know that if brooms are well dipped in a pail of suds, after the

gypsum or plaster, if sprinkled around where slops are thrown, will absorb all the bad odors, and materially lessen the size of doctors' bills. How to Wash Matting.—Put a mix-

leave this for some hours without washing off; then wash the whole matting

water, in a wash-hand basin. Dip in

the hair brushes, and rub them until

rub dry with a towel, and stand upright

To CLEAN PAINT. - Whiting and clean warm water will clean white paint. No soap need be used. Dip the wet cloth in dry whiting, and it will clean the Soll for the Grape.

It is a fact, well known by experienced grape growers, that very rich and highly manured land rarely produces a grape that is rich in taste, or will yield a high quality of wine. The grape that contains the most saccharine matter will make the best wine, and it is well known that the different varieties differ widely in the proportion of sugar. In Italy are often the best. These facts ought to teach us not to select the richest soils, ures for the grape. Grapevines seldom need any manure, except ashes, lime and bones, if the soil is thoroughly pu!verized and cultivated, and all weeds and grasses near the vines kept out. One of the most fruitful causes of mildew and rot is the application of too much manure to the growing vine.

Their Origin. Radishes come from Japun. Peas are of Egyptian origin. Oats originated in North Africa. Rye is a native of Siberia. Parsley was first known in Sardinia. The pear and apple are from Europe. The sunflower is a native of Peru. Tobacco is a native of Virginia. The onion originated in Egypt. The chestnut came from Haly. The nettle comes from Europe. Celery originated in Germany. The citron is a native of Greece. The nine is of American origin. The poppy came from the East. The mulberry is a native of Persia. Spinach was first cultivated in Arabia. The walnut and peach come from Per-

The horse-chestnut is a native of Thi-The encumber came from the East

I found it essential to success in rearparent bird and find what food it selected for its young. That of all the finches, sparrows and wrens was naked-skinned worms and grasshoppers. The indigo finch, which I at first failed to rear, I found was fed solely with white grasshoppers (i. e., with grasshoppers which had just molted), after which I found it very easy to raise, and that it proved to be a very excellent cage-bird. All the birds fed readily upon small grass-hoppers and large-sized worms, and in every case died after being fully grown, from my inability to make the proper change in their food. The finches and sparrows would take to seed-esting as sparrows would take to seed-eating as soon as they left the nest and their bills were hardened. Wrens, under my observation, fed their young almost exclusively with small, smooth larvæ, taken from the undersides of the leaves of currant bushes, brambles, etc., and I have set for a long time and counted the worms brought to a nest, the average being five worms in two minutes. This was a nest of the common house wren, when the supply of food was abundant in a neighboring row of currant bushes. crop) extending to the trees and kept up These also were easily reared in the nest. All the young birds took naturally to water when fully grown, except the ground or grass finch, which would bathe only in fine sand, but would keep In a few years a fine young orchard will be established, the surface soil largely occupied by the roots if the largely occupied by the roots in the largely occupied by the roots in the largely occupied by the roots in the largely occ itself in excellent condition and was a to eating seed readily, became as tame and playful as a kitten, and when full grown was liable to become excessively fat, and would then often have epileptic fits, recurring at frequent intervals, death always following. The cat bird was an inveterate mimic, attempting to do and sing whatever it saw or heard done by the other birds in its compartment of the cage. The wren was a thorough busybody and studious of nature, investigating with a very knowing and inquiring look every corner and crevice of the cage and every act of its associates. A pair of blue birds kept themselves inviolate from all the other birds, and were models and full of lovercoat of grass will be an aid to the shade like attentions to each other. They selectin protecting the roots from the sun and drying winds and the effect of the frost.

This latter, however, is best promoted large part of their time in attention to each other. The nuthatch, when full grown, delighted to find a grain of Indian corn, which it would push into any crack or crevice where it would fit close the roots are near the surface there ly, and then would amuse itself by hammust be protection of some kind or the mering away at it until it was broken trees will suffer, and fertility enough into fragments suitable for its food. The given for the grass and the trees, in cow bird was an inveterate gormandizer.

which case the grass forms the finest | It could not be fed enough to stop its clamor for more, and often so fully It is little known generally how much crammed was it that the last worm or may be done with an orchard, not only grasshopper stuck in its throat; but it in starting one and carrying it through | would still beg for more, as if starving. to the end, which is very rarely done Taking the offered food and finding itself shape of animal food that it could swal- Fy, stated that he treated him for his what it ever has been, as I know by low was gobbled down; and this affectapersonal observation-having taken tion of starvation, and its large size, charge of orchards of forty to fifty years' sufficiently explain the dwarfing of the other occupants of the nest in dition) and brought them up to the which it is a foster child. It would eat the heart of man, and that its principal highest vigor and usefulness, with or waste all that any two birds could function is to "catch air in." the promise of another lease of life of gather.—Science News. gather. - Science News.

Eatable birds' nests are found for the most part in the islands of Java, Borneo, Sumatra and the Celebes. The bird which produces the nest is called the Celebs. Guidi sent a letter to a careless life. Guidi sent a letter to a were to pay you the rest I wouldn't owe which produces the nest is called the Salangane swallow. It flies with wonderful speed and precision, and on the Javan coast, where the surge breaks of red paper, and follow a trail of similar wildly against the precipitous cliffs and caverned rocks, these birds may be seen startling." The friend did as requested, in swarms darting hither and thither. and found the dead bodies of Guidi and Their nests are fixed to the cliffs or just his wife. They had committed suicide. inside the caverns. What sort of a thing, then, is the eatable birds' nest thing, then, is the eatable birds' nest that the wealthy Chinese are so fond of it? It is that portion of the fabric which serves as a sort of bracket, on which the real nest (made of grass, sea-which the real nest (made of grass, sea-which real nest (made of grass)). which the real nest (made of grass, seaweed fibers, small leaves, etc.,) is built. It is transparent, somewhat like isin-It is transparent, somewhat like isin-glass. It was formerly supposed that this gelatine-like substance was prepared by the bird from seaweed and other mawashing is finished, they will keep as good as new until they are actually worn under the tongue of the bird are of great and they have chosen East Tennessee size. On opening the bill they are seen as two large swellings, one on either side.

and these chiefly supply the material for making the brackets. The bird se-cretes in them a soft, gum-like substance, which can be drawn out of the mouth in long threads, and in the air ture of salt and lemon on the stains; soon dries, and is found to be the same, even when viewed through the microscope, as the bracket material. Such is

> in the purchase of this dainty, which, tions on "how to pass the time." We when rendered into soup or jelly, they did not read the article, because we would rather like to know how to pass a Salem (Oregon) West Shore.

A good heart is worth gold.

Words are the soul's embassadors. Tranquil pleasures last the longest, ing his inamorata with "Hear me, We are not fitted to bear long the burden of great joys. It is to be feared that they who marry window next to hers the old man gently where they do not love will love where pours down upon the singer's head a they do not marry.

The manner of a vulgar man has freedom without ease, and the manner of reached the conclusion that "combinathe gentleman has ease without free- tions of gastronomy and intellectuality

when you fall into a man's conversation, above zero. All that seems to be ne-

deep wounds always, and yet they irritate. Speech is unkind sometimes, when there is no unkindness in the heart. So much the worse, that unintentional pain

Common sense is looked upon as a died of a disease which excited consid vulgar quality, but nevertheless it is erable interest among the members of the only talisman to conduct us prosper-ously through the world. The man of of its fatality and its rarity. On a refined sense has been compared to one recent Wednesday the young man was who carries about him nothing but gold, bitten by some sort of a carrion fly on when he may be every moment in want the left corner of the mouth. His of smaller change.

pork from a Grand Rapids (Mich.) man.
The letters were dated 1857, and had probably been lying beneath the lining behavior of what is now a most important manuof the seat for many years.

TIMELY TOPICS

Oregon supports twenty-three Chinese

Miss Celeste Winans, of Baltimore, is

said to be the richest young lady in America. She inherited \$20,000,000 So great is the scarcity of money in Finland that recently cows were sold at year to take the lives of monarchs.

prices equivalent to twelve cents each The most eminent physicians in New York make from \$40,000 to \$70,000 a and horses at eight cents.

plant can be successfully introduced in this country, has ordered a number of shoots from Japan. One of the most interesting exhibits at the New York loan exhibition miniature painted on cobweb—is owned

by Mrs. John Jacob Astor, and it is be-lieved to be the only thing of the kind in this country. It was purchased by Mrs. Astor in Europe a year or two The Lilly family of six persons constitute the sideshow of a Western circus. The father is a sword swallower, the

mother is a fat women, a daughter is a Circassian girl, one son is a contortionist, another—hideously deformed—is a wild man from Borneo, and a third lectures on the curiosities.

The Mexican government pays \$50 a head for European emigrants who will settle permanently at Mesade Coroneles. As soon as the emigrant is permanently settled, he can draw on the custom-house at Vera Oruz, \$50 for himself, \$50 for his wife and \$50 for each child over four years of age. This arrangement is for ten years from January last.

From January, 1876, till May last winty-three dead bodies have been cremated in the city of Milan, one of them that of a woman. Four bodies, ascertained to be of the weight of 63, 62, 41 and 59 kilogrammes, have yielded ashes to the weight of between two and three kilogrammes. A kilogramme is about two and one-fifth pounds.

Thousands of dollars have been subscribed for the production of Wagner's new opera of "Parsifal" in Beyreuth in the summer of 1881. This new work is said to contain many evidences of a design that Wagner entertained years ago, of writing a drama based upon the life of Christ, and of composing music for

The Chinese anatomists have found stick." out why the world is so hollow-hearted. Fy, stated that he treated him for his lungs, and in answer to a question. "How many lungs has a man?" replied: "Seven." He also gave the information that there are five holes in the heart of man, and that its principal function is to "catch air in."

Auguste Guidi and his wife were very miserable in San Francisco. They had

made their way to East Tennessee, where world. they propose to settle. They have come to the United States to escape from the tyranny of Mussulman rule, and to enjoy the freedom vouchsafed to all in this country. It is their purpose to make the United States their permanent home, and they have chosen East Tennessee because the climate is much like that to which they have been accustomed.

to get through with tough beefsteak.

lead half dollar that has been growing round edged and weighing heavily in our pocket for three months past. In this mundane sphere there is probably nothing more calculated to dampen Norma," than to have Norma utterly ig-nore his presence, while out of the

bucket of water. The cultured New York Mail has should be hailed with gratification. hills which alarm travelers upon their men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men their choice of one or the other proper method is to take a flannel bag (the men the men th

the first thing you should consider is cessary, therefore, to make a successful whether he has a greater inclination to voyage around the pole, is a ship that hear than you, or that you should hear can manufacture within itself a breathable atmosphere and travel under water Keep the tongue from unkindness. like a loon. It looks like an easy thing Words are sometimes wounds; not very for Edison to accomplish, doesn't it?

f smaller change.

While engaged in overhauling a pastheory of the case is that the fly had senger car at the shops of the Grand been sucking the juices of some diseased Haven and Milwaukee railroad in Detroit, Mich., the foreman of the shop discovered two letters which had evidently been mislaid by the owner and head face became discolored—black and purback and pur had found their way under the lining of ple. On Thursday night he became in- was of an inquiring turn of mind, set one of the seats. The directions on the sensible, and on the following night he himself to take the little machine envelopes were illegible, but the letters died. Soon after the swelling began pieces. He succeeded perfectly, restored themselves were well preserved. One the affected part became apparently it to life, and thenceforward was possesswas written by a father to his son, and dead. The disease is almost certain ed with a desire of making the other appeared to be an order for death, but is very rare. The physician himself. After a thousand trials and

Clams are always in a mud-dle, A tower of strength—The towbost A very charitable gentleman is Benny

A thorn in the bush is worth a dozon

in the hand. The man who goes down in the world Four attempts have been made this

The United States commissioner of agriculture, believing that the bamboo the Spanish fishermen to catch sharks on

the Cuban coast. The new Mormon temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, now being built of granife, will cost \$5,000,000. A nuptial tie-When a husband and

vife have both married for money, and neither has got any. A neglected wife is like a wagon wheel, because her hub is always going around with a lot of felloes.

Russia contains a Hebrew population of 3,000,000 souls, which is a larger number than is to be found in the rest Denmark has for many years supplied anned butter to South America. The

ame industry is to be commen this country. The best way to expand the chest to have a good large heart inside; beats all sorts of gymnastics for the purpose named.

Dr. L. S. Ingham, of Madison, Wis as succeeded in training several kind of fish, which answer to the call of an ed from the hands of his children. A halfpenny, fifteen months' imprison ment at hard labor and twenty lashe with the "cat," was what two Liverpool roughs got by garroting a foot passen.

There are twenty quires to a ream of paper, and but one choir to a church still it is often enough to set the entire congregation by the ears.—New York

The "watch dog's honest bark" is all right. It's a sure sign" he is getting ready to dig for a safe corner and needs encouragement. It is the atlent dogs. which gets in his work. January wedded May without doubt in a town of Calloway county, Ky, the other day. January was Mr. Ronus Kemp, ninety-six years old, and May was Miss Mary Bridges, sixteen years

"Do you see this stick?" said. a very of Christ, and of composing music for it that should surpass anything the world has dreamed of.

stupid acquaintance to Sydney Smith:

"this stick has been all round the world has dreamed of."

"Indeed," said the renorseless Sydney, "and yet it is only a

out why the world is so hollow-hearted.
At an inquest held on the body of AhLin, who died at San Jose suddenly of land, which combines profit with sanitary. heart disease, his physician, Dr. Cog gain. At Burnley the raw sewage is

miserable in San Francisco. They had tor, thinking the bill had run about long

The first pair of India rubber shoes ever seen in the United States were brought in 1830. They were gilt, and were pointed like the slippers of the Chinese mandarins. The pair, which were handed about as a curiosity, were followed in 1883 by an importation of

hands. Now move with a sidelo three times around the umbrella as an axle. Finally, raise your head quickly and try to walk straight ahead. What will occur is a frightful giddiness and Rome Sentinel Brevities.

"I'll lay for you!" as the hen said up tumultuously on all sides, a wildrush to save yourself, and a headlong tumble. Appreciative spectators are the latest. They are probably the latest requisite to the entire success of the ex-THE CARPENTER'S WOOING.

"Oh, beam my life, my awl to me!"
He cried, his flame addressing—
"If I 'adze such a love as yours,

"I am rejoist to hear you speak,"
The maiden said with laughter—
"For, tho' I hammer guileless girl,
It's plane what you are rafter.

Now, if file love you just a bit,
What further will you ax me?
Can—will you be content with that,
Or will you further tacks me?" He looked handsaw her words were square "No rival can displace me— Yes, one more favor I emplore, And that is, dear Em, brace me!

The common practice in making poultices of mixing the linseed meal with hot water, and applying them directly to the skin, is quite wrong, because, if we do not wish to burn the patient, we must wait until a greater portion of the heat has been lost. The road; they both appear great at a distance, but when we approach them we find that they are far less insurmountable than we had conceived them.

It is a secret known to but few, yet of no small use in the conduct of life, that when you fall into a man's conversation.

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It is a secret known to but few, yet of no small use in the conduct of life, that when you fall into a man's conversation. tice should be placed more flannel, or a piece of cotton wool, to prevent it from getting cold. By this method we are able to apply the linseed meal boiling hot, without burning the patient, and the heat, gradually diffusing through the flannel, affords a grateful sense of relief which cannot be obtained by other means. There are few ways in which such marked relief is given to abnormal pain as by the application of a poultice in this manner.—Dr. T. Lauder Brunton, in Brain.

The history of the introduction of the first watch to Chaux-de-Fonds is interesting enough. It was brought thither toward the enl of the seventeenth century by a cattle dealer, and excited much wonder among the herdsmen and charcoal burners. But, alas, it had not